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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Tony R. Markovitch of Madison, DOB: 03/02/1985, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Markovitch was driving erratically on March 2, 2005, and was stopped by police officers. A loaded handgun was found tucked in the front waistband of his pants. In February 2005, Markovitch was convicted of felony possession with intent to distribute THC, in Dane County.

United States District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for July 26, 2005, at 1:45 pm. Markovitch faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, a three-year period of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

The charge against Markovitch was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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